

CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of a meeting held in H-769 at 12:00 noon on Friday, 13 December 1991.

PRESENT: Donald L. Boisvert, Chair, Mohammed Ahsan, Roger Côté, Brian Counihan, Hernani Farias, Sup Mei Graub, Lana Grimes, Ann Kerby, Nick Kaminaris, Marlis Hubbard, Connie Morales, Janet Mrenica, Charlene Nero, Bob Philip, Nancy Torbit, Shirley Maynes, Secretary

ABSENT: Peter Côté, Aparna Kurupati, Bluma Litner, Brahm Rosensweig

1. **Approval of Agenda**

On a motion by N. Kaminaris, seconded by C. Nero, the agenda was unanimously adopted as proposed.

2. **Remarks from the Chair**

Dr. Boisvert extended, on behalf of Council, an expression of solidarity and concern with respect to the recent threats received by the CUSA Co-Presidents.

Dr. Boisvert announced the appointment of Ms. Kathy McDonald of Recreation and Athletics as Programme Development Coordinator. This appointment is in keeping with a key recommendation of the Implementation Report, and is effective January 20, 1992.

Dr. Boisvert reminded Council that the Student Services Christmas Party takes place at the Loyola Faculty Club on Monday, December 16 at 4:30 p.m.

3. **Adoption of the Minutes**

On a motion by B. Counihan, seconded by M. Ahsan, the minutes of the 8 November 1991 meeting were unanimously adopted.

The Chair announced that the "ads" would begin appearing, at appropriate intervals, in the various University newspapers in January.

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

(a) Implementation Report (CCSL-10-91) was tabled to the next meeting.

(b) **Employment Services**

Drs. Boisvert and Graub have met with R. Glavic and M. Ryan and are prepared to meet again if necessary. Meanwhile, all negotiations

in Québec with the Federal Government have been terminated due to the fact that different "deals" were being negotiated with various universities. The Québec Rectors are meeting to endorse a common strategy. In the interim, it is business as usual for all CECs. The Chair will keep Council informed of developments in this dossier.

It was moved by N. Kaminaris, seconded by J. Mrenica that the following motion which was tabled at the last meeting be "untabled": An Advisory Committee be struck to analyze employment services and placement in general terms, discuss an interface with CUSA's Job Bank and prepare recommendations for the future. Motion carried unanimously.

The composition of the Committee will be added to the agenda of the next meeting. The Planning and Resources Committee is asked to suggest a composition.

Dr. Boisvert indicated that he welcomed the creation of this Advisory Committee as it will be of great assistance in setting priorities for this important area.

5. **Report from the Planning and Resources Committee**

Co-chair Bob Philip reported that although several members of the Committee were not present, the only agenda item was the report on the space plan. The Committee would like to present the following recommendations to Council:

- (a) To endorse Dr. Giguère's report - some clarification of the principles would be needed.
- (b) To support a space plan which would maximize options for students.
- (c) With regard to Scenarios A, B, and C, the committee was not working at endorsing any scenario. However, in the event that a particular scenario has been decided upon, students would like to have a vehicle to contribute input and to suggest possible modifications.
- (d) A committee be set up to include the Rector (or delegate), a representative from CCSL, and representatives from each student association, to facilitate and ensure student input.
- (e) To ensure that whatever scenario was finally decided upon, there would be sensitivity to whatever Student Services' plans were in terms of space.

- (f) To make a strong statement that students' university life goes beyond just academics - it involves student activities, programmes, residence life, etc. Therefore, the committee would request that Student Life be given equal importance in the underlying principles for space planning.
- (g) To support the notion of "accessible space".
- (h) To ensure that teaching facilities be located on both campuses and service facilities be maintained on both campuses.
- (i) Student Services facilities and student association space should be improved and expanded, and located on both campuses, as appropriate.
- (j) To support the notion of Student Services being centralized (on each campus), with the exception of perhaps Recreation and Athletics and Financial Aid and Awards, where due consideration must be given to the direct service and outcome.

On a motion by B. Philip, seconded by C. Nero, Council unanimously moved into a committee of the whole for a lengthy discussion of the Final Report of the Strategic Space Planning Committee.

Dr. J. C. Giguère, Vice-Rector, Services and Chair of CCSL for four years, arrived to bid "hello" and "good-bye" to Council. His arrival was timely, and allowed him to elaborate on some of the space planning principles, and to participate in the discussions.

On behalf of Student Services, the Chair thanked Dr. Giguère for his efforts over the years on behalf of student life and services, and wished him every success in his future endeavours. Council endorsed a motion to this effect.

Following the discussion, Council moved from committee of the whole back to the regular session.

It was moved by B. Counihan, seconded by N. Torbit and unanimously resolved that **Principle A** be amended as follows:

The University community is composed of students, faculty and staff. A strategic space plan must address the individual needs of these groups, but academic concerns and *issues of the quality of student life* must be given primacy in all cases.

It was moved by N. Kaminaris, seconded by A. Kerby and unanimously resolved that **Principle B** be amended as follows:

In the development of a strategic space plan, the University should take pride in its historic role of reaching out to special segments of the community, *and should maintain its commitment to them.*

It was moved by N. Torbit, seconded by M. Ahsan and unanimously resolved that **Principle C** be amended as follows:

The strategic space plan must conform to government norms. *Internal allocation of space must reflect an equal commitment to student needs and to issues of the quality of student life.*

It was moved by S. Graub, seconded by R. Côté and unanimously resolved that **Principle D** be amended as follows:

A strategic space plan should enable the University to make efficient use of its resources *while ensuring that such efficiency takes into account the importance of student needs and the quality of student life.*

It was moved by N. Kaminaris, seconded by B. Counihan and unanimously resolved that **Principle E** be endorsed as revised and approved at the December 6, 1991 Senate meeting.

A strategic space plan for the University should respect any academic advantages to grouping together academic activities that have disciplinary or inter-disciplinary affinities.

On a motion by C. Nero, seconded by L. Grimes, and unanimously resolved that **Principle F** be amended as follows:

A strategic space plan must address the fact that Concordia is a two-campus University in an efficient and constructive manner, *while continuing to serve the needs of all segments of the University population, and taking into consideration academic concerns and a commitment to maintaining the quality of student life at the University.*

It was moved by C. Nero, seconded by B. Counihan and unanimously resolved that **Principle G** be endorsed as it stands.

In view of the importance of Principles F and G to student life, the Chair requested that Planning and Resources Committee elaborate on the points.

On a motion by C. Nero, seconded by H. Farias, be it resolved that Council request to have representatives granted speaking rights at the next Board of Governors meeting to articulate the position of CCSL on the report of the Strategic Space Planning Committee.

Moved by N. Kaminaris, seconded by J. Mrenica that the above motion be amended to name a Director and one student to be the representatives.

On a motion by A. Kerby, seconded by C. Nero, the amendment was changed to name the Associate Vice-Rector, Services (Student Life) as the Directors' representative. The motion was carried unanimously.

On a motion by H. Farias, seconded by B. Counihan, it was unanimously approved that C. Nero be appointed the student representative.

On a motion by C. Nero, seconded by C. Morales, be it resolved that Council request a copy of the Strategic Space Planning Report and all documentation which is sent by the Board of Governors to the MESS. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by N. Kaminaris, seconded by J. Mrenica that whereas CCSL feels that students were not adequately represented in the Strategic Space Planning Committee looking at the future space requirements of the University;

and whereas it is vitally important for students to be included in all decision-making processes;

be it resolved that CCSL establish an advisory committee to advise the Rector on the implementation of a space plan scenario as it applies to student services and student life. The motion was withdrawn and a request was made that the Planning and Resources Committee develop an appropriate motion to express CCSL's concern over the lack of student representation on the Space Planning Committee.

On a motion by N. Kaminaris, seconded by B. Philip, it was agreed to endorse unanimously the letter from Dr. Boisvert and the Student Services Directors, dated 3 October 1991, addressed to Drs. MacKenzie and Sheinin, Co-Chairs of the Strategic Space Planning Committee.

6. **Open Discussion: Issues Strategy**

The Chair requested that the Planning and Resources Committee generate a common list of issues to be addressed by Council.

7. **Reports from Directors**

Counselling and Development - Sup Mei Graub

Although the student leadership skills workshop to be conducted by Drs. Boisvert and Graub is for all students, Dr. Graub encouraged, in particular, students who are involved in student government to register.

Financial Aid and Awards - Roger Côté

Report on Emergency Loan Fund - June 1 to December 4-91 (attached)
Report on Emergency Loan Fund - June 1, 1990 to May 31, 1991 (attached)

Advocacy and Support Services - Ann Kerby

Based on the recommendations of the search committee, Margo Lacroix has been appointed coordinator of the Women's Centre effective January 13, 1992.

Pat Hardt will be working in the office of the International Students Advisor Office for a six-month period.

Spirit of Christmas - the drive is geared for direct aid for food vouchers for needy students.

Upcoming events - Chapel services, Womens Retreat at the Lacolle Centre.

Ann expressed gratitude, appreciation and thanks to Daryl Ross, Campus Ministry and Danette Steele, Women's Centre for their tremendous efforts in the organization of events on December 6th.

Peer Helpers will be holding a self-help day on the mezzanine shortly as well as a special orientation for new students entering the University in January.

Dean of Students - Brian Counihan

On a motion by B. Counihan, seconded by H. Farias, it was unanimously agreed that the committee for the selection of the student life awards be established as follows:

2 undergraduate students) Please forward names to the
1 graduate student) Dean of Students as soon as possible
1 staff member - Marlis Hubbard
1 faculty member - Bluma Litner
Dean of Students

Health Services - Nancy Torbit

The staff are coping with the problems of exams and illness and attempting to arrive at solutions which are most beneficial to students.

Effective January 6, 1992, Health Services at S.G.W. will be open during lunch hour, though with diminished staff.

8. Other Business

Motion by N. Kaminaris, seconded by B. Counihan to extend moral support and good wishes to all those involved in the Commerce Games January 10, 11 and 12. Carried unanimously.

9. Next Meeting

1:00 P.M. - Friday, January 17, 1992 at Loyola - AD-131.

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned.